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Title : Need to sanction adequate funds for providing relief to the people affected by floods in Chidambaram Parliamentary Consituency.

SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY (CHIDAMBARAM): Of the 18 districts affected in the recent flood in Tamil Nadu, Cuddalore district is the maximum affected and almost the entire Chidambaram, Kattumannar Koil and Bhuvanagiri have been totally affected in my constituency, Chidambaram, Kolladam, Paravanar and Manimuthar rivers caused severe damage to huts, properties and to agricultural crops. Over 50 death have been reported and 100 reported missing so far. No adequate rice stock was available when I visited ration shops. The consequent total loss to Public Works Department (irrigation), Highways Department. Rural Development Department, Municipalities, Special Village Panchayats, Public Works Department TWAD/Rural Water supply is Rs. 47509.12 lakhs. More than 68,539 hectares of crop and 5167 hectares of horticulture have been submerged in 6 taluks, 516 revenue village, 420 village panchayats, 16 special panchayats and 5 municipalities. In 230 village, 479620 persons have marooned. 251530 huts were damaged, 746 River banks 610 tanks and channels breached. 1133.60 km highways road, 64.00 Km municipalities road, 4841.00 km panchayat roads and 86.20 Km spl Panchayat road have been damaged. 210 culverts/bridges and 2302 public buildings have been damaged thus causing the total loss of Rs. 475.10 crores. Had the Tanks, Lakes and Rivers been de-listed and bunds strengthened, the enormity of the calamity would have been much less and many lives been saved. I request the Government of India to fully sanction the assistance required by Government of Tamil Nadu as my constituency, Chidambaram is the worst hit, a special fund of Rs. 500 crore be granted out of the total fund to be granted.